

***TIPPECANOE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL***  
***REGULAR MEETING***  
***June 4, 2013***

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room of the County Office Building. Advisory Council members present were Chairman Garry Smith, Commissioner David Byers, Smokey Anderson, John Basham, Captain Mike Francis, Jimmy Kesterson, Jeff Butz, Perry Martin, David Reagan, and Ron Wright. Also present were: Marty Webb, Sharon Gerlach and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar. John Withers and Jeff Butz were absent.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- John Basham moved to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2013 regular meeting, second by Perry Martin; motion carried.

***CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Chairman Smith welcomed back member David Reagan who is returning from health issues.

Chairman Smith announced the addition of Jeff Houston as the District 4 Homeland Security Administrative Coordinator, replacing Janet Mayrose Buche, who resigned. He commended the Commissioners for the selection of Jeff, saying Jeff will do a great job for Tippecanoe County and the district.

***TEMA DIRECTOR ANDERSON***

Director Anderson welcomed two interns from Vincennes University, Skylar Saxton and Vincent Scott. They are completing a 200 hour internship.

Director Anderson reported on the following TEMA activities:

Due to flooding:

- April 18<sup>th</sup> – DPC meeting and met with IDHS Director John Hill
- Assistance with twelve water rescues and evacuations
- Working with Homeland Security and homes on the Tippecanoe River, the Wildcat, and the Wabash River
- Working with FEMA to survey the log jams and roads

The State met the threshold for Federal assistance and Tippecanoe County met the threshold for State Disaster Relief Fund.

- Due to severe weather and a possible tornado in the Romney/Stockwell area, Emergency Management will be visiting the area tomorrow. Jimmy Kesterson said there were straight line winds of 40-50 mph, heavy rain, and downed limbs.
- The interns and Tyler Hershman took the MOC to Burn Camp.

- Janet Mayrose Buche resigned to move to the State Health Department in a similar position.
- They will meet with Sharon following the meeting today to finish the EMPG assessment.
- They will be working with the Sheriff and the Red Cross at the Fish Fry.

#### EOC Update:

- All equipment is purchased to finish the project and completion is moving slowly
- The \$10,000 Health Department grant has been approved
- There is no time line for completion

Deputy Director Marty Webb reported the following:

- There are no changes to the communications policy.
- He provided a handout of the Notification Plan and explained that it is broken down by groups at the top; the second part is the agencies and departments; and the bottom is the notification methods. The structure will be used in the EOC by the manager. The EOC manager will decide who receives the information and how to distribute.
- He provided a handout of tornado statistics since 1950 for the state. Tippecanoe County is #1 for the highest number. Commissioner Byers asked if we are #1 because we have great spotters. Since 1950 through December, 2011 there have only been three tornado related deaths.
- The most costly disasters have been the 1978 blizzard with 37 inches of snow, 20 foot drifts, wind chills at -50 degrees, and an estimated \$26 million in damage; the 1913 flood resulted in three deaths, 100's of destroyed homes, three bridges (Brown Street, Main Street, Davis Ferry) lost or severely damaged, over \$40 million in costs and damage, and \$10 million in economic impact; and the 1994 tornado resulted in three deaths and over 700 injuries. The information is not on the County website; however, the State map is on the Indiana Department of Homeland Security website.

Director Anderson said there are no changes to the EOC start-up procedures. They are identical to the EOC start-up procedures that were reviewed last year. Sharon Gerlach said if it was recorded in the minutes as being reviewed, no other action needs taken.

Director Anderson said there are no public shelters in Tippecanoe County which is a potential issue with 170,000 people. Some residents are building their own private storm shelters. Captain Francis said those living in mobile homes on the West side go to the fire station.

#### ***OLD/NEW BUSINESS***

Dave Reagan asked is there is place in the EOC for outside agencies to bring in their own radios. Director Anderson said there are additional HAM radios; the room and power is there but proper antennae could be a problem. Chairman Smith encouraged all to go see the EOC in the 629 building. Commissioner Byers suggested a future TEMA meeting be held at the 629 building. Director Anderson said it is not quite ready but a meeting in the future is a good idea.

Chairman Smith said the board is fortunate to have competent, professional people. The leadership and expertise is appreciated; he believes it is the strongest board ever.

Director Anderson commented that both Kirby Risk and Caterpillar continue to be our Logistical Staging Areas (LSA). They are the designated locations equipped with loading docks and fork lifts to be used by IDHS when there is an urgent need to ship equipment or products to Tippecanoe County.

As there was no other business, Commissioner Byers moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

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